



September 11, 2013

Item No. 8

AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE OPTION YEAR OF THE HEARING OFFICERS' AND PRESENTERS' CONTRACTS FOR THE CHA HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER INFORMAL HEARING PROGRAM

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioner's authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to exercise the option year of the contracts with CHA's the following hearing officers and presenters for the period of October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014, in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000 for the Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") Informal Hearing Program ("IFHP"):

HCV Hearing Officer/Contract

Frederick Bates - No. 11177
Joy Airaudi - No. 11173
June Brown No. 11178
Deborah Bussert - No. 11179
Joseph Chico – No. 11180
Margaret Fitzpatrick - No. 11171
Denis Guest - No. 11181
Keli Knight – No. 11183
Sheila Maloney – No. 11172
Elizabeth Simon – No. 11182
Joel Skinner – No. 11184
Allison Wood – No. 11185

HCV Presenter/Contract

Spelios Bacoyanis – No. 11186
Laura Boggioni - No. 11187
Allison Caldwell – No. 11188
Claudia Rosa Silva-Hernandez – No. 11189
Lee Hauserman – No. 11170
Georgia Karageorge – No. 11167
Raymond Keenan – No. 11168
Lillian Wafford – No. 11190

The Chief Legal Officer and the Department of Procurement and Contracts have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

CORPORATE MISSION

To leverage the power of affordable, decent safe and stable housing to help communities thrive and low-income families increase their potential for long-term economic success and a sustained high quality of life.

FUNDING: CHA General Fund

M/W/DBE Participation: Not feasible

Section 3: Not Feasible

GENERAL EXPLANATION

Pursuant to HUD rules and regulations, 24 CFR 982.555 et.al, the rule of law set forth in Goldberg v Kelly 397 US 254 and the CHA Administrative Plan , Chap. 16, the Authority must offer an informal hearing for certain CHA determinations relating to the individual circumstances of a participant family. The purpose of the informal hearing is to consider whether the CHA’S decisions related to the family’s circumstances which affect their HCV voucher, are in accordance with the law, HUD regulations and CHA policies. The CHA is not permitted to terminate a family’s assistance until the time allowed for the family to request an informal hearing has elapsed, and any requested hearing has been completed. The families may contest an adverse decision in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

In mid-2011 the CHA took over the HCV informal hearing program from its HCV Contract Administrator. To conduct the IFHP, the Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) procured the services of a legal recruiter to assist the CHA to recruit 15 attorneys as temporary employees to act as HCV hearing officers and presenters. During the summer of 2012, the OGC revised the IFHP, and effective October 1, 2012, 6 hearing officers and presenters, who remained with the IFHP, were made independent contractors. The OGC once again procured the services of a legal recruiter to recruit 15 additional independent contractors/attorneys for a total of 21 attorneys (12 Hearing Officers and 9 Presenters) for a 1-year term (October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013) with a 1-year option to provide hearing officer and presenter services for the IFHP. One of the presenters resigned several months ago and there are currently 12 hearing officers and 8 presenters.

The Board action recommended in this item, complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The Chief Legal Officer concurs with the recommendation to exercise the one year option of the contracts with the Hearing Officers and Presenters for an aggregate amount not-to exceed \$1,200,000

The CEO/President recommends the approval to exercise the one year option of the contracts with the hearing officers and presenters for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-CHA-77

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated September 11, 2013 entitled "AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE OPTION YEAR OF THE HEARING OFFICERS' AND PRESENTERS' CONTRACTS FOR THE CHA HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER INFORMAL HEARING PROGRAM";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to exercise the 1 year option of the contracts with the following CHA hearing officers and presenters for an aggregate amount not-to -exceed \$1,200,000:

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